

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 4 on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

--The present invention relates to disposable diapers for absorption and containment of bodily discharges. The present application is based on, and claims priority from, Japanese Application Serial Number 2003-009351, filed January 17, 2003, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--